

Senate Resolution 1026

By: Senator Balfour of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending LifeSouth Community Blood Centers and the Five Points of
2 Life Foundation; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, LifeSouth Community Blood Centers is one of the largest blood providers in
4 the United States, collecting and supplying blood for more than 100 medical facilities in
5 Georgia, Alabama, and Florida; and

6 WHEREAS, LifeSouth operates 19 regions that include 30 donor centers, 41 bloodmobiles,
7 and 14 indoor blood drive systems, giving LifeSouth the capacity of collecting blood at 90
8 venues daily; and

9 WHEREAS, a nonprofit organization, LifeSouth's mission is to provide a safe blood supply
10 that meets or exceeds the needs of local communities and provide patients with services in
11 support of blood and transfusion related activities; and

12 WHEREAS, with incomparable customer service and unwavering employee excellence,
13 LifeSouth helps communities increase blood supplies through donations from new and
14 existing blood donors and making optimum use of each donation; and

15 WHEREAS, LifeSouth has helped countless individuals through its work as a founding
16 member of the National Bone Marrow Registry and through hosting the largest event blood
17 drive in the country at Dragon*Con where nearly 3,000 units were collected; and

18 WHEREAS, a leader in local blood collection, LifeSouth collects more than 37,000 units
19 annually for Georgia hospitals and maintains partnerships with local organizations such as
20 the Gwinnett Braves, the Atlanta Spirit, and the Atlanta Silverbacks to help educate
21 communities about blood donation and the bone marrow registry; and

22 WHEREAS, one of only a handful of community cord blood centers in the country seeking
23 FDA licensing, LifeSouth has completed the construction of a state-of-the-art cord blood
24 center and has launched LifeCord, the first public cord blood bank in the Southeast,
25 partnering with hospitals in Georgia to collect and store umbilical cord blood units to be
26 available for treatment and research; and

27 WHEREAS, the affiliate foundation of LifeSouth, the Five Points of Life Foundation, is the
28 only organization in the United States committed to education and awareness of the five
29 ways to share life with others through lifesaving donations of blood, apheresis, bone marrow,
30 umbilical cord blood, and tissue and organs; and

31 WHEREAS, the Five Points of Life Foundation is educating Georgians through its Five
32 Points in the Classroom and Kids Marathon programs, partnering with schools and
33 community organizations to engage children; and

34 WHEREAS, the Five Points of Life Kids Marathon on May 5, in Atlanta, is aiding in the
35 battle against juvenile obesity by encouraging and inspiring children to be active; and

36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the dedication to improving the lives of
37 Georgians consistently demonstrated by this outstanding organization is appropriately
38 recognized.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
40 commend LifeSouth Community Blood Centers for its commitment to providing Georgia
41 communities with a safe blood supply that meets the needs of local patients and recognize
42 the Five Points Foundation for continuing to educate Georgians on the five ways to share life
43 with others.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
45 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to LifeSouth Community Blood Centers.